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1. [redacted] Russell Fee telephoned on behalf of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee in connection with the possible appearance of the DCI before the Subcommittee on the matter of the nuclear test ban treaty hearings. Mr. Fee stated that they would like to make firm a date and time of two o'clock on 21 May. I stated I would advise.

The above was passed to Mr. Elder who indicated that it was his understanding that the Director would like to avoid appearance if possible and was of the view that he was going to take steps in this direction. Elder is to advise any action that we need to take.

Subsequently, Elder called and stated this had been discussed with the Director who desired that I go back to the staff and raise the question of what particular areas did the Subcommittee wish the Agency to discuss. Further, it is to be pointed out that the Agency could not become involved in matters which were under the jurisdiction of DOD, State, ACDA, and AEC. Elder also indicated the Director wished raised the question of whether the Agency could make a real contribution at this point.

These were all given to Russell Fee who indicated that he would be happy to set down on paper or talk with any appropriate person in the Agency what areas were desired to be covered. As to matters within the competence of other agencies, he indicated there was no intent to raise problems other than within the scope of intelligence and that this could be clearly laid on with the Chairman. He further indicated that there were numerous references in the hearings to the intelligence community and it was the belief of the members that intelligence could be very helpful in the hearings. Fee stated, however, that he would raise these points with Senator Stennis and would advise further. I indicated I would give Fee's views to the Director. Fee also raised the question of submitting a prepared statement 24 hours in advance of the Director's appearance pointing out that some members including the Chairman had been disturbed when this rule had not been complied with by one of the witnesses in the current hearing.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW